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# 2018–2019 Hudson County Winter Emergency System Now in Effect

The system will be continually in effect until March 31, 2019. Daytime services and transportation to a warming center are available for the homeless.

Please see the following message and attachments from the Hudson County Office of Homeless Services. - DCD

The **Hudson County Winter Emergency System** will be in effect continuously from **November 15, 2018**, to **March 31, 2018**. The system may also be enacted before or after this time period if the forecast calls for temperatures below 32 degrees, pursuant to NJ Code Blue Legislation A815 (attached). The intent of this system is to provide shelter for those who seek it, and provide outreach to engage those who typically refuse shelter, with the goal of preventing anyone from sleeping on the street throughout the winter months.

Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation (GSECDC) will provide street outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals from **4 p.m.**, seven days a week.

The following Daytime Centers are open daily and provide a warm place for individuals to obtain food and access a variety of services:

- **GSECDC Hudson CASA Drop-In Center** 514 Newark Avenue, Jersey City; Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Hudson County Integrative Services Center** 124 Claremont Avenue, Jersey City; Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- **Hoboken Shelter** 300 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken; Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday–Sunday 9 a.m.– 8 p.m.
- **PERC Shelter** 117 37th Street, Union City; every day 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
- St. Lucy's Shelter 619 Grove Street, Jersey City; Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

In addition, St. Lucy's and PERC will provide regular overnight shelter to overflow clients throughout the winter. The latest walk-in for St. Lucy's is 11 p.m. PERC does not have a cut-off time.

The **Warming Center** is located at the Naval Reserve Facility in the Town of Kearny and will be operated by the Urban Renewal Corporation (URC). The goal is to provide a warm and safe place for unsheltered homeless individuals to spend the night during the winter months. Light dinner and breakfast will be provided. Transportation to the Warming Center will be provided according to the following schedule:

- From **Hoboken Terminal 8:30 p.m.** (line formation begins at 8:15 p.m.)
- From Journal Square (Sip and Bergen Avenues) 10 p.m. (line formation begins at 9:45 p.m.)

Overnight clients will be brought back to Jersey City and Hoboken beginning no later than 8:30 a.m. and dropped off at existing drop-in centers or providers.

The Hudson County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall declare a Code Blue alert within 24 hours prior to the onset of a severe weather event. A severe weather event is defined as snow emergency, excessive cold, etc. The Code Blue alert shall continue until 8 a.m. the following day after the declaration, unless the severe weather event worsens or

continues for a prolonged period of time. The Office of Homeless Services will inform providers of any changes to the current plan.

For more information, please see the attached protocol, flyers and related documentation.

### 2018–2019 Winter Emergency System Protocols

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## 2018–2019 Winter Emergency Flyer (English)

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#### 2018–2019 Winter Emergency Flyer (Spanish)

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# New Jersey Code Blue Legislation

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#### Service Animal Definition

http://www.jerseycitynj.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server\_6189660/File/City%20Hall/Housing%20Economic%20Development/Community%20Develop/News/Service%20Animal%20Definition.pdf

#### Service Animal FAQs

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